

Saint Louis University School of Law

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■ Introduction

The mission of Saint Louis University School of Law is to advance the understanding and the development of law, and prepare students to achieve professional success and personal satisfaction through leadership and service to others. The school is guided by the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence, freedom of inquiry, and respect for individual differences.

Located in scenic midtown St. Louis, Saint Louis University School of Law is perfectly positioned to provide students with unparalleled exposure to the legal world. St. Louis boasts an impressive array of law firms, corporate offices, and governmental agencies; there are local, state, and federal courthouses throughout the city and surrounding counties, including the largest federal courthouse in the United States.

With an accomplished, accessible faculty and a diverse curriculum, the School of Law provides a challenging yet collegial environment designed to foster success for dedicated students. Whatever the interest—corporate and finance, criminal, health, international, intellectual property, tax, securities, real estate, labor and employment, litigation, or sports and entertainment law—the school can help students achieve their desired career goals.

First-year, full-time law students benefit from the school's unique small-section program, where two of five classes contain less than 36 students. This allows for individualized instruction and focused student interaction and, most importantly, builds a sense of community among classmates. The remaining classes are formed by combining different small sections to allow students to get to know others in their class.

For those who work full time and are unable to attend classes during the day, the school offers a challenging Part-Time Program—the only program of its kind in the state of Missouri. Through this program, students can earn their law degree in four years with summer attendance or five years without summer attendance.

■ Special Academic Programs

Centers for Excellence—The school features one of the premier health law studies programs in the nation along with specialized centers in employment law and international and comparative law.

- The Center for Health Law Studies boasts a nationally recognized faculty, an unparalleled curriculum, and some of the country's finest health law publications. Visit: <http://law.slu.edu/healthlaw>.
- The Wefel Center for Employment Law specializes in issues of labor disputes, benefits, hiring and discharging, and arbitration. Visit: <http://law.slu.edu/emplaw>.
- The Center for International and Comparative Law offers a specialized program of study in areas such as public international law, international criminal law, and international corporate law. Students receive instruction from faculty who have experienced and studied foreign legal systems. Visit: <http://law.slu.edu/cicl>.

Concentrations—In addition to our three certificate programs through our Centers for Excellence, the School of Law offers concentrations in the following areas: Business Transactional Law; Civil Litigation Skills; Criminal Litigation

Skills; Taxation; and Urban Development, Land Use, and Environmental Law.

Study Abroad—Through the Center for International and Comparative Law, students can study law at Saint Louis University's campus in Madrid, Spain, earning up to six credit hours of comparative law with foreign and American professors who have extensive experience in the fields of foreign and American criminal law, civil law, and global human rights. The School of Law also offers a study-abroad program in Berlin, Germany. Students may earn up to six credit hours in course offerings that are international and comparative in nature with a strong emphasis on business and economic law. The school also maintains cooperative agreements with the University College in Cork, Ireland; Université d'Orléans and Université de Paris-Dauphine in France; University of Georgia in Brussels, Belgium; and the Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany.

Dual-degree Programs—The School of Law offers intensive dual-degree programs in cooperation with other university schools. Students must meet the admission requirements of both schools, including each school's entrance examination. Candidates in a dual-degree program must complete the first-year law curriculum before beginning the dual program. Candidates must complete both degrees within the same semester. The dual-degree programs available are JD/MBA, JD/MHA, JD/MA in Public Administration, JD/MA in Urban Affairs, JD/MPH, JD/MPH–Health Policy, JD/MSW, and JD/PhD in Health Care Ethics.

■ Public Service

Throughout the year, the School of Law sponsors and participates in numerous public service events and projects. Some of the programs include Make a Difference Day–Homeward Bound, Habitat for Humanity, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, and the Tax Assistance Project.

■ Practical Skills Training

Students are presented with a variety of opportunities to practice law throughout their education. Legal Clinics provide immediate exposure to the legal world through a variety of service-oriented programs. Students represent clients in court, clerk for judges, and participate in externships at law firms, corporations, and government agencies. Visit: <http://law.slu.edu/clinics>. The Trial Advocacy program helps students develop skills in all aspects of trial preparation. Through the Client Counseling program, students learn to communicate with clients, learning how to ask the right questions, listen effectively, and encourage clients to talk. In the Negotiation program, students experience firsthand the practice of negotiation through a variety of simulation activities.

■ Cocurricular Activities

The school allows students to perfect their writing and editing skills by working on one of three law journals—*Saint Louis University Law Journal*, *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*, and the *Journal of Health Law and Policy*. Qualifying students

are invited to write and edit the collections of scholarly work submitted from lawyers and law professors across the world. The Moot Court Competitions hone a student's litigation skills in research, analysis, writing, and oral argument. Students interested in international law may participate in the Jessup Moot Court Competition. In addition, there is a National Health Law Moot Court Competition and an Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition. The school also offers the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, Trial Advocacy Competitions, and Client Counseling Competitions.

■ Financial Aid/Scholarships

Saint Louis University School of Law awards a substantial number of merit-based scholarships to a select group of highly qualified admitted students, including 10 full-tuition scholarships through the 1843 Scholars program. The school has a variety of ways to help students meet their financial goals. Contact the School of Law's Financial Aid Coordinator at fin_aid@law.slu.edu.

■ Library

The Omer Poos Law Library serves as the center for legal research. It provides a state-of-the-art research environment with access to hundreds of databases as well as a collection of over 600,000 volumes. The law library is among the top 20 law schools in the nation in the number of titles held. A staff of 20, including 5 JD/MLS reference librarians, takes pride in providing personal attention and service to our students. Visit: <http://law.slu.edu/library>.

■ Career Services

The Career Services Office, staffed by two licensed attorneys and a licensed professional counselor, assists students in identifying their career goals. Through a litany of career resources, students are able to pursue employment opportunities that meet their goals and suit their needs. The graduating classes within the past five years have averaged over a 92 percent employment rate within six months of graduation. Visit: <http://law.slu.edu/careersvcs>.

Applicant Profile

Saint Louis University School of Law
This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																						
	3.75 +		3.50–3.74		3.25–3.49		3.00–3.24		2.75–2.99		2.50–2.74		2.25–2.49		2.00–2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Total		
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	
175–180	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
170–174	5	5	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	11
165–169	22	22	12	12	13	12	17	17	7	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	69
160–164	80	79	67	65	61	58	42	37	26	18	11	7	6	2	2	1	1	0	2	2	298	269	
155–159	105	101	133	119	136	104	71	53	53	21	32	9	15	3	5	0	3	0	9	2	562	412	
150–154	111	57	140	71	141	71	112	32	70	14	36	2	13	1	3	0	0	0	14	1	640	249	
145–149	43	7	46	7	83	6	86	15	45	6	31	3	16	0	7	0	0	0	13	1	370	45	
140–144	6	2	18	2	30	2	31	4	26	2	21	0	14	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	156	12	
135–139	0	0	7	1	10	0	13	1	12	1	8	0	7	0	6	0	0	0	4	0	67	3	
130–134	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	3	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	21	0	
125–129	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Total	373	274	425	278	478	255	382	161	244	67	149	24	76	6	28	1	5	0	50	6	2210	1072	

Apps = Number of Applicants
Adm = Number Admitted
Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.